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## MX program survives vote in Senate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The MX missile, subject of prolonged, heated debate by every Congress since the start of the decade, survived another challenge Tuesday but immediately faced a second. This time, it has better prospects for success.

The Senate, on a 56-42 vote, refused a request from Colorado Democrat Gary Hart to scrap the program. It then looked at Georgia Democrat Sam Nunn's suggestion that only 12 of the missiles be built each year and that only 40 be deployed in Minuteman II.

The \$302 billion fiscal 1986 defense authorization bill before the Senate contains \$2 billion for a third installment of 21 missiles to be deployed. The administration wants to build 223 missiles, installing 100 in the silos.

Nunn's proposal apparently worried the White House, which sent representatives to confer with Nunn and Senate Republican leaders Tuesday afternoon.

Both Nunn and Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, chided the White House for its late interest and pointed out that Nunn's proposal has been in the works since March, when the Senate voted 55-45 to keep the program alive by freeing fiscal 1985 money for the missile.

Before Tuesday's session began, Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., a member of the defense appropriations subcommittee, said he expected the vote on Nunn's plan to be close.

He said it appeared support for the MX was fading and that Reagan's earlier victory — which came as arms talks opened in Geneva, Switzerland — "might have been the high water mark" for the program.

Many senators, he said, have voted for the missile in the past "with some ambiguity."

Plans for the multiwarhead MX began in the late 1960s and early 1970s and have always been a point of contention. The Reagan administration scrapped Carter administration plans to deploy 200 missiles in a mobile "racetrack" system in the West, and eventually opted to seek 100 missiles for deployment in specially hardened

Minuteman silos.

None of the arguments advanced on the Senate floor Tuesday were new.

Opponents said by the time the silos are hardened to withstand the blast of more accurate Soviet warheads, \$1 billion will buy just three missiles. They argued it might be better to spend the money on a single-warhead, mobile missile dubbed "Midgetman" — due out in the early 1990s — and other defense programs.

Putting the missiles in vulnerable silos, said Hart, "brings us closer to the possible use of nuclear weapons in a time of crisis" because the nation might be faced with a "use it or lose it" choice.

MX supporters argued the weapon is a necessary balance to Soviet missiles.

Goldwater also argued that tampering with the program would undercut U.S. arms negotiators John Tower, a U.S. negotiator in Geneva, and Goldwater's predecessor as head of the Armed Services Committee, was in the Senate GOP cloakroom during the debate.

The overall defense bill provides most of the \$302 billion the Armed Services Committee has suggested be spent on defense in the year starting Oct. 1. The rest — about \$70 billion — is for military construction and military pay.



Jim Korner inspects food being readied for a meal in Johnston Hall.

## 'Food-man' has culinary forte

With a degree in music, he 'directs' food service

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Jim Korner's food-service career started during his early college years when he washed dishes at minimum wage to put himself through school. Today he makes \$36,000 a year and works with a budget of \$6.5 million as associate director of residential life in charge of food service at the University.

Korner, who received a bachelor's degree in music education from Ohio University in 1971, realized during his junior year that he wanted to be a food-service director. He said he enjoyed his work as a dining-hall student supervisor, but felt he was too far along in his education to change his major.

Before his graduation he was working as a student-teacher in

music education, and planned to find a job in the field. When his old boss called him about a temporary job as a dining-hall assistant, he jumped at the chance.

Korner took the temporary job and decided to stay with it longer than the proposed six months.

"I decided to do it one more year, and it all fell together. I kept getting promoted and eventually became the associate director," he said.

Korner was concerned that his lack of a food service-related degree would hinder his chances of directing a college food program. "The director at Ohio was a few years older than I was, and I knew there was no chance of him retiring and me taking over," he said.

Korner said his dream was to be a food-service director, but schools at which he applied rejected him

because the only degree he had was in music.

So when the University invited him to campus for an interview, Korner was pleasantly surprised.

Roger Fisher, director of residential life, explained why he hired someone who did not have a business, management or food service-related degree. "He had 14 years' experience at a major institution and had a solid background in computerized food service," Fisher said.

Residential Life wants to use computers to update the system to allow students to eat in any of the six dining halls. Without computers the paperwork is cumbersome and students currently must eat in their assigned halls.

Korner faced a challenge when he arrived at the University last June;

the man he replaced had been the food-service director for 26 years. Korner had a lot of new ideas, but he wasn't sure if they would be accepted.

"When I met the staff, I promised them that I'd take a lot of time to observe things before making changes and that I wouldn't make any major changes during fall semester," he said.

Korner wanted to determine the staff's capabilities and to gain their support. "It was hard for me not to make changes. I had to deal with my ego, too," he said.

Korner, who has been nicknamed "food-man" by his colleagues, began his changes by bouncing ideas off the staff. "I asked them how they felt about (serving) fast food, how they felt about soda," he said.

Dining-hall managers were excited about installing soda dispens-

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## Pickens drops Unocal bid; stock plunges

NEW YORK (UPI) — Unocal Corp. stock lost more than \$10 a share Tuesday following T. Boone Pickens' withdrawal of his hostile takeover bid for the Los Angeles oil company. That withdrawal, some financial analysts say, could be the corporate hunter's first major defeat.

Analysts estimated Pickens, chairman of Mesa Petroleum Co. in Amarillo, Texas, and his Mesa Partners II investors group could lose about \$30 million on their \$1.1 billion quest to seize control of Unocal.

But Pickens disagreed, telling United Press International, "We won't lose a dime and could make some money depending on the performance of the stock. I'd chalk it up as a break-even deal."

Pickens said his pursuit of Unocal benefited the company's shareholders by boosting the value of their holdings by \$2 billion, or about \$10 to \$12 a share.

"Pickens is out of action for a while," said Anthony Ludovici, senior investment analyst at Tucker, Anthony. "His settlement with Unocal will hinder him on future takeovers until he gets rid of his Unocal stock."

In Los Angeles, State Treasurer Jesse M. Unruh commended Unocal management for successfully defending itself against Pickens' unfriendly effort and said he believes the settlement with the oilman "will mark a new phase in corporate takeover war."

"The takeover group found that easy profits are not always obtainable," Unruh said.

Pickens made nearly \$700 million in profits on previous takeover attempts of Phillips Petroleum Co., Gulf Oil Corp., and three other oil companies.

Unocal stock, which did not trade Monday on the New York Stock Exchange because of a halt

requested by the company, opened lower late Tuesday morning after the pact with Pickens was announced.

At day's end Unocal, the most active Big Board issue, closed down \$10 1/2 to \$35 7/8 a share on 691,000 shares. Mesa Petroleum stock dropped \$1 to 15.375 a share.

Analysts had expected Unocal's stock to plummet when trading resumed because the 13th largest U.S. oil company has saddled itself with an additional \$54 million in debt to buy off Pickens. Unocal already had taken on \$3.6 billion in debt to finance an exchange offer designed to crush Pickens' bid.

Unocal and negotiators for Pickens reached an accord late Monday night under which the company agreed to expand its \$3.6 billion offer to buy back 50 million shares for \$72 in debt securities to include 7.7 million Unocal shares held by his investors group.

Pickens agreed to drop his unfriendly \$54-a-share bid for Unocal, to sell only limited Unocal holdings this year, to retain a substantial investment in the company well into 1986, and to refrain from buying additional Unocal stock for 25 years.

Pickens and his partners spent about \$1.13 billion — or an average \$48 a share — to acquire and hold onto their 23.7 million Unocal shares for a 13.7 percent stake in the company.

Analysts calculated that the Mesa group should make a profit of about \$170 million on the Unocal exchange offer but faces a loss of some \$250 million on its remaining 16 million shares if the stock settles around \$32 a share as many expect.

Wall Street specialists value Unocal stock at just under \$32 a share. That value is based on the company's \$4 billion exchange offer and its plans to spin off about half its domestic petroleum reserves in shares and an increased cash dividend.

## 'Living will' bill approved by House

By Nina Kaplan  
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JEFFERSON CITY — Despite a history of inaction on the issue, the Missouri House overwhelmingly approved a bill Tuesday that elderly persons say will allow them to die with dignity.

The legislation, which now goes to Gov. John Ashcroft for final approval, would allow a doctor to comply with a written statement requesting that life-prolonging treatment be stopped if the patient has a terminal illness. Passage rested on a compromise that eased opposition from the Missouri Catholic Conference, said the bill's Senate sponsor, Bob Johnson, D-Lees Summit.

Under the compromise, a patient's request to terminate treatment is not binding on his doctor or the family.

But relatives who attempt to nullify a "living will" without the patient's approval or reasonable justification would lose their inheritance rights. Forgery of the "living will" statement would be a felony crime.

"Basically, it's a double-barreled action," Johnson said. "A patient's view must be considered, but it can be overridden if there are good reasons."

Lou DeFeo, lobbyist for the state Catholic Conference, said that language made the bill more acceptable. But DeFeo added his organization still has reservations about it. "The point of dying is so unique it's like trying to legislate the Mona Lisa."

Rep. Vic Downing, D-Bragg City and House sponsor of the bill, has tried unsuccessfully for 10 years to pass a "living will" bill.

Downing said there would be few times a doctor would reject a patient's desires. "I just can't imagine not carrying out the wishes of the patient."

Missouri's Silver-Haired Legislature, a mock assembly of elderly, had urged passage of the bill.

"It will do what many of us want done," said Emmaline Kerr, a member of last year's Silver-Haired session.

"People who have lived a long, satisfying life were not allowed to die in a dignified manner, but were kept alive by artificial means," Kerr said. "There was no quality to life."

Johnson said the growing strength of elderly lobbying groups helped the bill's passage. "They are a very potent force in Missouri, about 60 percent of our population. In the last five years, they have banded together."

## Local woman faces embezzling charges

By Steven Bernish  
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A Columbia area woman has been charged with embezzling money, possibly as much as \$25,000, from a local dental firm where she had been employed.

Capt. Carroll Highberger, chief of investigations for the Columbia Police Department, said Tuesday that Nancy Ann Tritschler, 37, of Route 6, confessed Monday to stealing \$5,000 to \$6,000 in May 1984. But Highberger said that in her confession, Tritschler has admitted to stealing significantly less than officials suspect was taken.

"We know it's \$25,000," Highberger said. "It'll be a week before we know how much is missing."

Highberger said that during a three-year period Tritschler, who was employed as office manager, is suspected of stealing at least \$25,000 from Miller Dental Associates Inc., 1001 Locust St. Because of

the on-going investigation, a final determination of the amount of money in question has yet to be made, Highberger said.

Tritschler was arrested, charged and released Monday on a \$10,000 bond from the Boone County Jail. She was arraigned Tuesday morning. A date for a preliminary trial hearing will be set Friday.

Tritschler is the daughter-in-law of Boone County Commissioner Billie Tritschler who was named presiding commissioner in April by Gov. John Ashcroft. She was the choice of the county Republican Central Committee.

"We are all frankly in shock right now," Commissioner Tritschler said. "We are devastated. We love her and we will help where we can."

Highberger said that Miller Dental Associates Inc. contacted the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office May 9 after an internal audit of the business showed accounting discrepancies.

"They audited a few days before May 9 before they contacted the prosecutor," Highberger said. At that time, an investigation was conducted with the help of the Columbia Police Department.

"A significant amount has been taken over a period of years," said William D. Rotts, the Boone County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney who charged Tritschler. A single felony stealing conviction could bring a sentence of seven years, \$5,000 or both.

"The audit has not been completed to the degree necessary for prosecution purposes," Rotts said. He said Tritschler was employed by the dental firm as an office manager until the end of 1984.

Rotts said he reviewed business records and documents at the dental firm last Thursday and then decided further investigation was warranted.

Tritschler is now manager of Vern's Variety, a Centralia store owned by her husband.